

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY TESTS (DRAFT LETTERS PATENT).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 10 July 1874:—for,

COPY "of DRAFT LETTERS PATENT for carrying into effect the Provisions of 'THE UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN TESTS ACT, 1873,' and for Balancing the Governing Body of the University and College by the Appointment of a Council, as proposed by the Provost and Senior Fellows of the University, after Approval by the Junior Fellows and Professors, and by the Senate of the University."

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth. To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

WHEREAS by the Statutes of our College of the Holy and Undivided Trinity of Queen Elizabeth, near Dublin, it is provided that Fellows and certain other officers of our said College shall be required to profess a particular religious belief, and to do certain acts in connection with a specified form of religious worship, and, with certain exceptions specified in the said Statutes, to be ordained in Holy Orders: And whereas by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament, held in the 31st and 32nd years of our reign, entitled An Act to Amend the Law relating to Promissory Oaths, a declaration is substituted for an oath in certain cases: And whereas by the University of Dublin Tests Act, 1873, it has been, amongst other things, enacted, that no person should be required on taking or holding, or to enable him to take or hold, any office in the said University or College, to subscribe to any article or formulary of faith, or to make any declaration or take any oath respecting his religious belief or profession, or to conform to any form of public worship, or to do any act in connection with any form of religious worship, or to belong to any specified church, sect, or denomination, and that no person elected to a fellowship or any other office shall be deprived of his office by reason that he is not or does not become ordained in Holy Orders:

Know ye, therefore, that We, of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, by and with the advice and consent of our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Counsellor, James Duke of Abercorn, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, our Lieutenant General and General Governor of that part of our said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, called Ireland, have made, established, and ordained, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, We do make, establish, and ordain, as and for a Statute of and for our said College, that the following alterations, additions, and omissions shall be made in the Statutes of our said College, that is to say:—

DE QUALITATE ET OFFICIO PRÆPOSITI.

That in the second Chapter of the Statutes of our Roynd predecessor, King Charles I., entitled "De Qualitate et Officio Præpositi," the clause, "Statuimus igitur, ut Præpositus sit moribus probus, vitâ integrâ, et famâ inviolatâ, annos natus ad minimum triginta, et in sacris ordinibus constitutus. Sit etiam professor in sacri theologiâ, vel ad minimum Baccalaureus in eisdem facultatibus," be repealed, and that the following be enacted instead thereof: "Statuimus igitur, ut Præpositus sit moribus probus, vitâ integrâ, et famâ inviolatâ, atque annos natus ad minimum triginta." Also, that the following clause be repealed: "Nec habeat, aut recipiat (quandâ locum et munus Præpositi supplet) ecclesiasticâ, ut vocent, beneficia, cum curâ animarum, uno plura. Dignitatem verò ecclesiasticam (quocunque sit infra Episcopalem) hâc sanctione prohiberi volumus, modò Præpositus debitam residentiam, ceteraque omnia prestat, quæ illius officio incumbunt secundum statuta Collegii."

DE JURAMENTO PRÆPOSITI.

That in the third Chapter of the aforesaid Statutes, entitled, "De Juramento Præpositi," the following clause be repealed: "Statuimus ut, qui ad Præpositum Collegii

Collegii eligitur, hoc juramentum sequens publice in sacello præstet," and that instead thereof the following be enacted: "Statuimus ut, qui ad Præposituram Collegii eligitur, hanc declarationem sequentem publice præstet."

DE SOCIORUM JUNIORUM ELECTIONE.

That in the seventh chapter of the aforesaid Statutes, entitled, "De Sociorum Juniorum Electione," the following clause be repealed: "Volumus, et statuimus, ut in sociis illos solum cooptentur, de quarum religione, doctrinâ et moribus, tum Præpositus, tum socii septem seniores, opera bonam animis conceperint, quique gradus Baccalaureatus in artibus jam susceperint;" and that the following be enacted instead thereof: "Volumus et statuimus ut in sociis illos solum cooptentur qui gradus Baccalaureatus in artibus jam susceperint;" also that the following clause be repealed: "Provident et statuunt se neminem in socium electuros qui sit infamâ notatus, de heresi convictus;" and that the following be enacted instead thereof: "Provident et statuunt se neminem in socium electuros qui sit infamâ notatus."

Also that the clause in the same Chapter of the aforesaid Statutes, "Postridi die electionis, horâ octavâ matutinâ publicè in sacello Collegii, in præsentia omnium Sociorum domi presentium, et ut intersint monitorum, omnes electi adiuturum in plenum jus juniorum Sociorum, et deinceps percipiant ex commoda, et fructus, qui hujusmodi Sociis ex statutis præscribuntur. Quod si quis, sive Socius sive Scholaris fuerit, declarationem ordinis suo præscriptam præstare recusaverit jus Societatis seu Discipulatus ipso facto amittat." Also, that in the same chapter the following clause be repealed: "Quoniam verò personarum est, eos, qui secundum veterem Chartam admissi præe ad terminum illi præstitutum pervenire, alieno jam animo esse à Collegio, et alibi, ad alii defuerint, eodem perire; volumus, ut si qui sint, qui septennium à suscepto Magisterio in hoc Collegio proximis comitiis completuri sunt, li hujus statuti beneficio fruatur, aut ultra terminum prius defuissent, jus societatis remaneat. Reliquos omnes tam Socios quàm Scholares post præstitum hinc statuti nostri juramentum, ex speciali gratiâ, omnibus in isdem comprehensis privilegiis gaudere volumus. Quod si quis ex his, sive Socius, sive Scholaris fuerit, juramentum ordini suo præscriptum, præstare recusaverit, illius Collegio amoveatur."

DE CULTU DIVINO.

That in the ninth chapter of the aforesaid Statutes, entitled, "De cultu Divino," the following clauses be repealed: "Post preces verum matutinis concionem in sacello volumus stipulis debet Dominicus." "Singulis autem diebus festis, et eorum vesperis, Præpositus, ceterique omnium ordinum in manibus Superpellicie, et Caputis gradui suo (quotquot Gradui sunt) conveniuntibus, precibus intersint; nec quibuscum abque hoc ornata interesse præstent sub pond quicquid solidorum, totius quoties. Formula sit ea, quæ in publicis ecclesiis Anglicanæ liturgiæ præscribitur: nisi quid in præfatis diebus, idque ad preces primo manâ differenda, abbreviari, et paulatim laudari volumus, in hunc modum. Primo recitetur una aut altera de sententiis sacre Scripturæ, una cum exhortatione sequente secundum liturgiam Anglicanam. Deinde legatur confessio, Absolutio, et oratio Dominica. Post orationem Dominicam, immediatè sequatur symbolum Apostolicum una cum versiculis, et responsionibus annexis. His succedat collecta pro pace, et pro gratiâ, deinde fundatur precatio ad Deum pro benedictione studiorum in hæc verba:

"O Lord Jesus Christ who art the eternal wisdom of the Father, wea beseech thee to assist us with thy heavenly grace, that wee may be blessed in our studies this day, and above all things may attayne the knowledge of thee, whom to know is life eternal; and that according to the example of thy most holy childhood, wee may grow in wisdom and yeares, and favour with God and man, Amen."

"Ad extremum post preces pro salute regiâ, pro regiâ et regiâ prole, concludatur cum precatione sancti Chrysostomi, et benedictione mactet, ut habetur in fine litaniarum. Abbreviationem verò hanc preces videtur volumus, ut Scholares, et Discipuli citius ad prælectiones in aula, et ad privata munera sese conferant." And also, that the following clause in the same Chapter of the aforesaid Statutes be repealed: "Quod si quis vicem suam neque ipse obest neque per alium supplendum curaverit, ita ut preces ad hoc constitutas, vel quolibet eorum omisse fuerint, volumus illi ullam vel invaliditatis vel negotiorum pretextum sufficere, quo minis quinque solidis Anglicanis continet, et abque ulteriori cause examinatione, multetur. Multam verò impositam delinquenti, Præpositus, vel (in ejus absentia), Vice-præpositus, aut Decanus exigito, idque pro ratione descripti in statuto de multis exigendis. Si quis studium à precibus abfuerit, puniatur quemadmodum aliis deinceps statuti præscribetur."

That in the same Chapter of the aforesaid Statutes the following clause be repealed: "Ante cibum sive prandio sive cenâ sumendum, benedictio mensæ unus à Scholâribus recitandus ad mensam Præpositi," and that instead thereof it be enacted as follows: "Ante cibum sumendum, benedictio mensæ unus à Scholâribus vel studiosis."

That in the same Chapter of the aforesaid Statutes the following clauses be repealed: "Sacrosanctum Eucharistiæ Sacramentum secundâ ad minimum Dominicâ cujusque
Terminâ

Termini celebratur per aliquem Socium seniores Presbyterum, quam Prepositus vel eo absente Viceprepositus ad id munus advocavit; die etiam Natalis Domini, Pasche, Pentecostes, et Dominicæ Trinitatis per Prepositum et Doctores in theologiâ (si qui sint qui in Collegio cubiculum possident) juxta vires suas in propriis personis. Si vero Doctes aliquis, in Collegio equanotandi locum habens, recusaverit, ipse loco suo in Collegio privetur, et per Prepositum solum celebratur, si domi fuerit, et sanitas frustur, eo vero absente, vel sic impedito, per Viceprepositum, aut utriusque absentibus, per Socium maxime seniores, si Presbyter fuerit. Assistet celebranti quicumque è Sociis, in ordine saltem Diaconatus, à Preposito, vel eo absente, à Vicepreposito assignandos. De observandis per quosvis studentes Dominicis, et omnibus aliis diebus festis, si qui Collegio præsunt, sollicitè et diligenter providendo," and that instead of the latter clause it be enacted as follows: "De observandis per quosvis studentes Dominicis, si quorum munus erit sollicitè et diligenter providenda."

That in the same Chapter of the aforesaid Statutes the following clauses be repealed: "Si qui abesse deprehendantur, à pro qualitate delicti, et personarum puniantur. Similiter, si qui diebus Dominicis, vel festis, otiosè in plateis subisterint, aut ingrediantur tabernas, aut aliquid aliud osee, et solemnitate indignum fecerint, in eos animadvertatur." "Però Prepositi, et Sociorum seniorum erit videre, ne qua Pontificis, aut heretice religionis opinio intra Collegii fines abatur, aut propageetur, sive publicè sive privatim. Quod si acciderit, volumus, ut quàm primum impius opinionis progressus intercipiatur. Præterea nemo in Sociorum numerum eligatur, qui Pontificis religioni, quatenus à Catholicâ et orthodoxa dissentit, et Romani Pontificis jurisdictioni per solenne, et publicum juramentum non renuntiaverit."

DE OFFICIO VICEPREPOSITI.

That in the twelfth Chapter of the aforesaid Statutes, entitled, "De officio Viceprepositi," the following clause be repealed: "Provident itaque Viceprepositus sollicitè, ne qua vel intermissio fiat frequentandi preces, audiendi conciones, præstandi in Collegio conjunctive penoris scholastica exercitia;" and that instead thereof it be enacted as follows: "Provident itaque Viceprepositus sollicitè, ut qua intermissio fiat præstandi in Collegio conjunctive generis scholastica exercitia."

DE BURSARII OFFICIO.

That in the nineteenth Chapter of the aforesaid Statutes, entitled, "De Bursarii officio," the following clause be repealed: "Is officium suum exerceat statim ab electione, et admissione ad illud officium sub juramento, et cautione Collegio præstitis;" and that instead thereof it be enacted as follows: "Is officium suum exerceat statim ab electione, et admissione ad illud officium, sub declaratione et cautione Collegio præstitis."

DE PENIS MAJORUM CRIMINUM.

That in the twenty-third Chapter of the aforesaid Statutes, entitled, "De Penis majorum criminum, sævitiisque aut exigendis aut commutandis," the following clause be repealed: "Si quis Sociorum aut discipulorum, aut aliorum intra Collegium vitam degentium blasphemias, hæreses, aut simonias, aut hæc majestatis, aut contumacias, et contemptus adversus statuta Collegii, aut perjurii, furti notabilis, homicidii voluntarii, stupri, adulterii, incestus, aut violentæ percussione Socii aut discipuli cujusquam, convictus sit, quæ valens grave cuicumque ex prædictis inflixerit, aut à Preposito, Vicepreposito, Lectorem primarium, Doctorem aut Baccalaureum theologiæ, vel leviter percusserit, vel portumæ omni dediti operi corruerit;" and that instead thereof the following clause be substituted: "Si quis Sociorum aut discipulorum, aut aliorum intra Collegium vitam degentium blasphemias, aut hæc majestatis, aut contumacias, et contemptus adversus statuta Collegii, aut perjurii, furti, homicidii voluntarii, stupri, adulterii, incestus, aut violentæ percussione Socii aut discipuli cujusquam, convictus sit."

DE INFERIORIBUS COLLEGII MINISTRIS.

That in the twenty-fourth Chapter of the aforesaid Statutes, entitled, "De inferioribus Collegii ministris," the following clause be repealed: "Eligantur autem, si quidem idonei reperiantur, erdices, religiosi saltem, probi, sobrii, et honesti;" and that instead thereof it be enacted as follows: "Eligantur autem, si quidem idonei reperiantur, probi, sobrii, et honesti."

DE ELECTIONUM FORMA ET TEMPORE.

That in the twenty-fifth Chapter of the aforesaid Statutes, entitled, "De Electionum forma et tempore," the following clause be repealed: "Prepositus et Socii Seniores ad monitum Prepositi conveniant in accello," and that instead thereof it be enacted as follows: "Prepositus et Socii Seniores ad monitum Prepositi conveniant;" also that in the same Chapter of the aforesaid Statutes the following clause be repealed:

repealed: "Novus Præpositus, sic (ut præfertur) electus, præstito præscripto juramento Præpositi in sacello, coram Vicepræposito (cui potestatem concedimus juramentum in hoc casu administrandi) reliquisque Sociis senioribus Collegii, Præposituram gerat," and that instead thereof it be enacted as follows: "Novus Præpositus, sic (ut præfertur) electus, præstitâ præscriptâ declaratione Præpositi, coram Vicepræposito (cui potestatem concedimus declarationem in hoc casu administrandi) reliquisque Sociis senioribus Collegii, Præposituram gerat."

DE FINALI COMPUTO.

Also, that in the twenty-sixth Chapter of the aforesaid Statutes, entitled, "De finali computo, et electione officialium et prælectorum," the following clause be repealed, "Ut singuli officarii et prælectores, sic ut præfertur electi, unâ cum illis qui a Præposito solo nominantur, proximâ die post electionem horû scilicet nonâ antemeridianâ, publice in sacello, coram Præposito, vel (eo absente) Vicepræposito, et cunctis Sociis, Scholaribus et commensalibus eo convocatis, vel saltem majori parte eorundem, juramentum præstent tactis sacrosanctis Christi Evangeliiis;" and that instead thereof it be enacted as follows: "Ut singuli officarii et prælectores, sic ut præfertur electi, proximâ die post electionem, publice, coram Præposito vel (eo absente) Vicepræposito et Sociis convocatis, affirmationem præstent." Also, that in the form which follows this clause, the word "juro" be changed to "declaro," and that the words "ita me Deus adjuvet et sacrosancta ejus evangelia" be omitted; and that in the first clause of the said Chapter the word "juramento" be omitted, and the word "declaratione" substituted.

DE CONCLUSIONE STATUTORUM.

Also, that in the twenty-seventh Chapter of the aforesaid Statutes, entitled, "De conclusione Statutorum," the following clause be repealed: "Totam controversiam ipsam visitatoribus sub communi Collegii sigillo deferant, obtestantes eos in Domino;" and that the following be enacted instead thereof: "Totam controversiam ipsam visitatoribus sub communi Collegii sigillo deferant, obtestantes eos." Also, that the following clause in the same Chapter of the aforesaid Statutes be repealed: "Præpositum, Vicepræpositum, Socios et ceteros omnes dicti Collegii obtemperare volumus, et cum effectu parere, sub ipsorum debita juramento Collegio præstito;" and that the following be enacted instead thereof: "Præpositum, Vicepræpositum, Socios et ceteros omnes dicti Collegii obtemperare volumus, et cum effectu parere, sub ipsorum debita declaratione Collegio præstitâ."

STATUTE OF THE YEAR OF GRACE.

Also, that the Statute granted by our Royal Grandfather, King George the Third, in the thirty-sixth year of his reign, and entitled, "Statute of the Year of Grace," be repealed.

DE BIBLIOTHECARIO.

Also, that in the first Chapter of the Statutes granted by our Royal predecessor, King George II., in the eighth year of his reign, entitled, "De Bibliothecario," the following clause be repealed: "Præquam claves bibliothecæ ei tradantur, juramento obstrictus fidem dabit Præposito in sacello;" and that instead thereof it be enacted as follows: "Præquam claves bibliothecæ ei tradantur declaratione obstrictus fidem dabit Præposito."

CONCERNING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS IN THE STATUTES.

Also, that in the Statute ordained by our Royal predecessor, King William the Fourth, in the third year of his reign, entitled, "Concerning certain Amendments in the Statutes," the following clause be repealed: "Volumus etiam et statuimus, ut c Collegii studentibus, singuli artium Magistri, sive Socii, sive Sociorum Commensales, sive etiam cuniculum in Collegio possidentes (modo in sacris ordinibus sint constituti, vel saltem Diaconatus ordini initiati), precibus matutinarum munus per vias diligentè obeant: ad precum verò vespertinarum munus exequendum, volumus et statuimus ut Decanus junior pro tempore existens semper tenetur."

Also, That the following alterations, additions, and amendments shall be made in the Statute granted by Us in the eighteenth year of our Reign, that is to say,

DE SOCIORUM JUNIORUM ELECTIONE.

That in the section of the aforesaid Statute, entitled, "De Sociorum Juniorum Electione," the following clause be repealed: that the words "illius Collegio moveatur" be omitted,

omitted, and that instead thereof be inserted the words, "jux Societatis seu Discipulatus ipso facto amittat et si ita Præposito et Sociis senioribus visum fuerit, illico Collegio amoveatur." Also, that the following clause in the same section be repealed: "Statuimus demum, ut quilibet Sociorum, quinque exceptis, vel infra tres annos a die in quo inter Socios eligatur, vel infra sex menses postquam nomen auctoritate canonice adimpleverit, sacrum Presbyteratus ordinem in se suscipiat, sub penâ amissionis a numero Sociorum."

DE CULTU DIVINO.

Also, that in the section of the same Statute, entitled, "De Cultu Divino," the following clause be repealed: "Volumus ut per Præpositum idoneus aliquis ad Sacristam munus obendum eligatur," and that instead thereof it be enacted as follows: "Volumus ut idoneus aliquis ad Sacristam munus obendum eligatur."

Also, that the following clauses in the same section of our aforesaid Statute be repealed: "Servientes qui mensæ benedicant cuncto Scholares omnes infra Magistros in artibus, qui stipendiis Collegii aluntur, per vices, quisque secundum ordinem senioritatis sue, incipiendo a juniori."

"Volumus etiam et statuimus, ut à Sociis vel Professoribus qui in sacrum Presbyteratus ordinem admissi sunt, a Præposito quotannis nominentur, qui in sacello Collegii post preces matutinas canones habent, diebus Dominicis, et in præcipuis anni festis, vel quandoque Præposito visum fuerit. Statuimus etiam, et ordinamus, ut a Magistris in artibus in Collegio degentibus (modo in sacrum Diaconatus ordinem admissi sint) nominentur à Præposito, qui per vices, quolibet die Solis et Veneris, statim a finitis precibus vespertinis, aliquem à Scripturâ textum ad modum theologicæ orationis tractare teneantur."

"Si quis concionem habuerit, quæ Præposito et majori partî Sociorum seniorum consensum mereri videatur, sit penes eundem officio concionatoris illum privare. Si quis autem in gravem heresim incidit, et in eâ animo obfirmato persistit, à Præposito et majori parte Sociorum seniorum à Collegio expellatur."

Also, that the following clause in the same section be repealed: "Et licet ei a Sociis junioribus unus vel plures (modo in sacrum Diaconatus ordinem admissi sint), sibi assumere et advocare qui ei assistant;" and that instead thereof it be enacted as follows: "Et licet ei a Sociis junioribus vel Magistris in Artibus unus vel plures sibi assumere et advocare, qui ei assistant."

DE OFFICIO DECANORUM.

That in the section of the same Statute, entitled, "De Officio Decanorum," the following clause be repealed: "Horum autem officium esse volumus Dei imperialis cultum præ, religiosè, et decanter exequendum curare; videre ut Socii, discipuli, et reliqui studentes qui ecclesiæ Angliæ et Hiberniæ fides præstentur, prædibus intersint, præcipue autem diebus Dominicis et festis. Et si Sociorum vel professorum aliquis a sacro Dei cultu sepius absterit, cessante impedimento legitime à Præposito vel (eo absente) Vicepræposito approbando, admonetur à Præposito; sin vero adhuc negligens sit, coram Præposito citetur, et gravem censuram subeat; sin vero tertio admonitus, obfirmato animo in culpâ eul persistit, à Præposito et Sociis senioribus amoveatur. In absentiam vero discipulorum aliorumve studentium, animalvertatur à Decanis, secundum normam à Præposito et Sociis senioribus approbatam. Si quis à sacro Dei cultu absterit, inavetudine, aut aliâ gravi causâ impeditus, eam sententiam penam subire volumus."

DE BIBLIOTHECARIO.

Also, that in the section of the same Statute, entitled, "De Bibliothecario," the following clause be repealed: "Post juramentum susceptum, et claves ei traditas, diebus et hora præscriptis aut ipse Bibliothecarius, aut unus saltem ex ejus assistentibus, in bibliothecâ semper interit;" and that instead thereof it be enacted as follows: "Post declarationem susceptam, et claves ei traditas, diebus et hora præscriptis aut ipse Bibliothecarius, aut unus saltem ex ejus assistentibus, in bibliothecâ semper interit." Also, that the following clause be repealed: "Qui quidem delegatus, vel substitutus, eodem juramento ac Bibliothecarius ipse, ad eadem præstanda obstringetur;" and that, instead thereof, it be enacted as follows: "Qui quidem delegatus, vel substitutus, eodem declaratione ac Bibliothecarius ipse, ad eadem præstanda obstringetur." Also, that the following clause be repealed: "Eosque juramento ad officia sua fideliter exercenda obstringendi;" and that, instead thereof, the following be substituted: "Eosque declaratione ad officia sua fideliter exercenda obstringendi."

And whereas, by the same Statute it was enacted that certain changes should be made in the oath which had previously been required of all persons admitted to the use of the Library of our said College, so as to render it consistent with the form of a subscribed declaration; and whereas, in addition to the words therein which have been so altered, there occur also the words, "Sancti eorum Deo promitto," which have not been altered; Our will and pleasure is, that these words be omitted, and that instead thereof the words, "Solemniter promitto" be substituted.

DE PROFESSORE JURIS FEUDALIS ATQUE ANGLICI.

And it is also our will and pleasure that in the second Chapter of the said Letters of our said Royal Grandfather, entitled, "Statuta de Professoribus," the following clause be repealed: "Et quam citissime fieri commodè poterit post electionem, electus in dictum officium Professoris, publicè in sacello dicti Collegii à Præposito, vel Vicepræposito admittatur, præstans prius juramentum eidem Præposito vel Vicepræposito (cui tale juramentum administrandi potestatem per presentes concedimus) de munere illi demandato fideliter exercendo;" and that instead thereof it be enacted as follows: "Et quam citissime fieri commodè poterit post electionem, electus in dictum officium Professoris, publicè à Præposito, vel Vicepræposito admittatur, præstans prius declarationem eidem Præposito vel Vicepræposito (cui talem declarationem administrandi potestatem per presentes concedimus), de munere illi demandato fideliter exercendo."

DE DECLARATIONE PRÆPOSITI.

And whereas, in our Letters Patent granted in the Thirty-sixth year of our reign, We ordained that a certain declaration therein contained shall be made by every person who shall hereafter be elected to the Provostship of our said College, in which declaration the following clause occurs: "Similiter etiam me, neque in meis, neque alienis negotiis ultra tempus in statutis præscriptum à Collegio abfuturum, nisi vel Collegii, vel regni negotia, vel regia auctoritas me alibi avocaverit, aut via, morbo, contumgum, aut alia quæpiam causa necessaria evenierit, ab Archiepiscopo Dublinensi in absentia Cancellarii approbanda;" it is our will and pleasure that the said declaration be amended by omitting the words "ab Archiepiscopo Dublinensi," and substituting the words "a Vice-Cancellario Academicæ."

APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL.

And whereas the regulations of the Studies, Lectures, and Examinations in our said College of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, near Dublin, preliminary to obtaining Degrees in Arts or Faculties in our University of Dublin, and the appointment and election of Professors, have been vested by divers Royal Statutes in the Provost and Senior Fellows of our said College; And whereas by the Charter of our said College, granted in the thirteenth year of the reign of our royal predecessor King Charles the First, the power of altering, adding to, or dispensing with the said Statutes, according to the exigency of the times, is reserved to us and our heirs and successors; and whereas it has been represented to us that it is desirable that a Council, to be constituted, nominated, and elected as hereinafter mentioned, should co-operate and have a share in the regulation of the Studies, Lectures, and Examinations in our said College, and in the appointment and election of Professors, and the regulation of the tenure of office and of the duties of such Professors, as hereinafter mentioned: And whereas the Provost and Senior Fellows of our said College and the Senate of our said University have given their assent to the constitution, nomination, and election of such Council, it is, therefore, our will and pleasure that a Council be constituted, nominated, and elected, which shall consist of the following Members:—

The Provost of our said College, or, in his absence, the Vice-Provost:

Four Members to be elected by the Senior Fellows of our said College out of the Members of the Senate of the said University, as constituted and incorporated under and by virtue of our Royal Charter or Letters Patent, given and granted in the twenty-first year of our reign:

Four Members to be elected out of the said Senate by the Junior Fellows:

Four Members to be elected out of the said Senate by the Professors who are not Fellows:

And Four Members to be elected out of the said Senate, by those Members of the said Senate who have not voted at the last election of any existing Member or Members of the same Council, either as Senior Fellows, as Junior Fellows, or as Professors.

The Registrar of the said College shall, under the direction of the Chancellor, or, in his absence, of the Vice-Chancellor of the said University, prepare and publish lists of the Electors in each Class, one month before the day appointed for the nomination of candidates at each annual Election of members of the said Council, and no person shall be entitled to vote at such Election, unless his name appears on one of the lists so published, or unless he show to the satisfaction of the Chancellor, or, in his absence, of the Vice-Chancellor, that his name ought of right to have been inserted in one of these lists.

At every election of Members of the Council, every elector of each class shall be entitled to a number of votes equal to the number of persons to be elected to the Council at such election of that class, and may give all such votes to any one candidate, or may distribute them among the candidates as he thinks fit.

The Chancellor, or, in his absence, the Vice-Chancellor of our said University, is hereby authorised to frame rules and regulations for the first election of Members for the Council, in conformity with the provisions of these our Letters Patent, provided always that such rules and regulations shall be approved by the Senate of our said University, and shall be promulgated at least one month before the day fixed for such election.

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The several Members so elected as aforesaid shall vacate office in the following rotation:

The Members elected by the Senior Fellows shall vacate office at the end of the first year; those elected by the Junior Fellows at the end of the second year; those elected by the Professors at the end of the third year; and those elected by the Members of the Senate, who had not voted as Fellows or Professors, at the end of the fourth year.

The same course of electing to and vacating office shall be pursued from time to time in each period of four years.

Save and except in the case of Members constituting the first Council, each Member shall continue in office for four years.

Each outgoing Member of the Council for the time being shall be eligible for re-election.

The election of Members for the said first Council shall be completed on a day not later than the day of

The election of Members in the place of those who shall vacate office in rotation, shall be completed on a day not later than the first day of December in each year.

Any casual vacancy occurring by death, resignation, or otherwise among the Members of the Council shall be filled up by the election of a qualified person according to the provisions hereinbefore contained, upon a day not later than twenty-one days, nor sooner than seven days after such occurrence shall have been notified to the Provost, or in his absence, to the Vice-Provost, the respective times for the nomination and election to be fixed by the Provost, or by the Vice-Provost, and publicly notified by him. If such vacancy shall occur during a vacation, the occurrence shall be deemed for the purpose of such notices to have taken place on the first day of the ensuing term.

The person to be elected upon the occurrence of any such casual vacancy shall vacate office at the same time when the other Members elected by the same class of electors shall retire in rotation as aforesaid.

The Provost and Senior Fellows, and Council, shall have power jointly, from time to time, to alter, amend, and repeal any laws, rules, and regulations concerning the times and manner of voting for and electing Members of the Council, in conformity with the provisions of these our Letters Patent, and from time to time to make additional or new laws, rules, and regulations, for the same purpose, and to alter or vary the same, or any of them, as to the said Provost and Senior Fellows, and Council jointly, shall seem fit; provided always, that no such additional or new laws, rules, and regulations, repeal of laws, rules, and regulations, cancellations, alterations, or variations, shall have any force or efficacy until they shall have received the sanction of the Senate of the University in congregation lawfully assembled.

The Provost, or, in his absence, the Vice-Provost, shall have the power of summoning meetings of the said Council, and shall do so at fixed times, to be determined by the Council, and also on special occasions, on the requisition in writing of any five Members of the same, and shall preside at every meeting of the said Council. The mode of summoning meetings of the Council shall be from time to time prescribed by the Council. Nine Members, including the President, shall form a quorum.

And it is our further will and pleasure that the Council shall nominate to all Professorships, except those the nomination to which is vested in some other body or persons by Act of Parliament, or by the directions of private founders, and except also the following Professorships in the School of Divinity: that is to say, the Regius Professorship of Divinity, Archdeacon King's Lectureship in Divinity, and the Professorship of Biblical Greek. Such nomination shall be subject to the approval of the Provost and Senior Fellows. In the event of the said Provost and Senior Fellows refusing their approval to the nomination of the Council, the Chancellor shall decide whether the grounds for such refusal are sufficient. If they shall appear to him to be insufficient, he shall declare the person nominated by the Council to be duly elected; if not, the Council shall proceed to a fresh nomination. If no election shall take place within the space of six calendar months from the date of the vacancy, or from the time of the creation of any new Professorship, the right of nomination and election for the purpose of filling up such vacancy, or of appointing to such new Professorship, shall lapse to the Chancellor. No person, being at the time a Member of the Council, shall be nominated by the Council to any Professorship.

And it is our further will and pleasure that, except so far as is otherwise provided by Act of Parliament, or by direction of private founders, any proposed new rules or regulations respecting Studies, Lectures, and Examinations, save and except any Studies, Lectures, or Examinations, in relation to or connected with the School of Divinity (with which the said Council shall not have authority to interfere), and also any proposed new rules or regulations respecting the qualifications, duties, and tenure of office of any Professor in any Professorship now existing, or hereafter to be constituted, except the Professors and Professorships connected with the said School of Divinity, and any proposed alterations in any existing rules or regulations respecting such Studies, Lectures, and Examinations, qualifications, duties, and tenure of office, save as aforesaid, shall require the approval both of the Provost and Senior Fellows, and of the Council.

That all such new rules or regulations, and alterations in any rules or regulations, may be originated either by the Provost and Senior Fellows, or by the Council.

And that no new Professorship shall be created or founded by the Provost and Senior Fellows without the consent of the Council.

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